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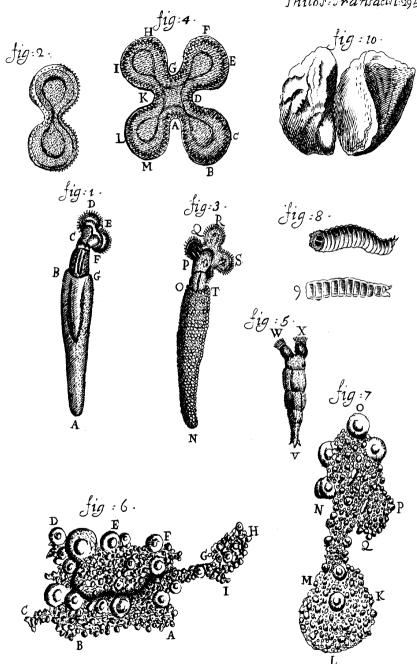
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The Medicines given, after I was call'd in, were chiefly of the Vulnerary and Digestive kinds: That which did her most service, (but it was after the Bladders were come off) was a Tincture of Myrrh and Gentian, in large and frequent Doses; and with a proper Vehicle: Under the use of this slight, but advantageous Medicine, from a very weak condition, she recover'd an Appetite, &c. and is now perfectly well.

Exeter, Sept. 26. 1704

IV. A Letter from Mr John Thorpe, M. A. of University College in Oxford, to Dr Hans Sloane, S. R. S. concerning Worms in the Heads of Sheep, &c.

Ith this you receive the delineation of a Worm, found in diffecting the Head of a Sheep, in the Cells form'd between the Lamina of the Os frontis: It is an Apode, and seems to be a species of the Eula; tho much different from the common fort breeding in putrid Flesh. It is every where of a fair pale colour, excepting its Tail, which ends a little obliquely in a Plane; on which are impress'd two remarkable black spots, (as in Fig. 8.) Besides two small white cornicula, its Head is arm'd with a pair of black, sharp, and crooked forcipes, which, in contracting, and extending its Body, it draws in, and puts out at pleasure: With these it is, that in creeping it takes hold of the surface of the Body, on which it moves; and draws it self forward on pretty large, protuberant, and somewhat flattish toruli, fewer in number than those on its Back, (vide Fig. 9.) which alternately swell'd and relax'd, seem instrumental to its motion, and supply the place

place of Feet. It looks of a clear, Crystalline substance, and almost transparent.

The Membrane, that invested the cavity of the Cells containing it, was very sat, and in most places separated from the Bone; the Blood-Vessels appear'd turgid, and inflam'd: Whereas the Membrane of the opposite Cells, which have no Communication with these, was thin, pellucid, adherent, and no ways preternaturally affected.

I have given the more particular description of this Worm, and the Cells, it was found in, it not being describ'd by any Author, I have yet consulted. Mr Bobart informs me, "That some curious Gentlemen of the Uni-" versity, lately observ'd three Worms lodg'd in the same " parts of the Head of a Sheep, but in two distinct Cells: "The largest apart by its self, the other two in the Cell "adjoyning; one of which was confiderably less than "the other, agreeing in form with the forementioned, of "a whitish colour in general, with the two notable spots "on the flat of the posterior part, but a shadow of " brownness from the back down the sides, (especially of " the riper one;) roundly turgid on the back, and flat "underneath; divided with several annuli, as these "Creatures generally are; at the extremity of which Pro-" tuberances, ferving instead of Feet, there appears a little " darkish brown spot on each side or edge: as they faded "and wither'd, they chang'd to a light red or phoenicious " colour, and afterwards brown.

(a) Mouset mentions Worms yearly breeding in the (a) Therastr. The Parain of Stags, Goats and Sheep, (especially when fat) feet lib. 2 cap. but supposing them generally known, gives no description of them; unless from (b) Benedictus and (c) Mathiolus, (b) Lib. 21. in that they are Eulis maximis aquies, & ejustem cum illistream. forme: Tho the Worms meant by those two Authors are in Dioscor. liber not found in the Brain, but (as they both agree) sub lingua 2. cap. 52. in concavo circiter vertebram, qua cervici innectitur caput.

(d) Avicenna afferting the possibility of Worms breeding (d) Lib. 3. feating the Head, says expressly multoties nascuntur in anteriore 1. can. 3. radio.

parte capitis super locum qui est in strictura narium: To

(e) cap 9. de which (e) Joubertus dds, ubi oves, & capræ dicuntur percephalogia. petud vermes habere, ut cervi in gutture. This plainly shows
the distinct places of their generating in the Heads of Stags
and Sheep, as well as describes the particular Cells, in
which they are found in the Os Frontis of the latter.

(f) De Are. (f) Trallian relates a memorable Story from Moschion:

Med lib. 1. Democrates the Athenian applying himself to the Oracle at

Delphos for the Epilepsy, received the following answer;

Μήζον ἀμερίενος κεφαλής ποιμνήτον ευλήν Μηκάδος άγερνόμοιο, δέρας περικάμβαλε μήλυ Ερπηζαπολυπλεκίου ευζίνε άπο κόρσης.

Which Guinterius Andernacus renders thus;

De grege sume capræ majores ruris alumnæ Ex cerebro vermes, & ovis dato tergora circum Multiplici vermi pecoris de fronte revulso.

Democrates not comprehending the hidden meaning of the Oracle, referr'd it to Theognostes Democratius; who recollecting that the Head of a Goat near the Basis of the Brain is naturally impregnated with Worms, right sagely unfolded the Mystery; advising him in pursuance to Apollo's directions to procure one or three of them (for, it seems, it must be an odd number) by provoking the animal to sneeze; and wear them about his Neck, in the Skin of a black Sheep, as an Amulet.

Tis not to be imagined, how Worms seated at the Basis of the Brain, where Trallian places them, should be expelled by sternutories. The words of the Oracle ['Every 270 x650016'] admit of a more favourable construction, and distinctly express the cavity over the Nose: from whence by a passage, that opens into the Palate and Nostrils, they may easily be discharged by sneezing. By the same passage they

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rather be drawn up with the breath in the state of Eggs.

and deposited in those Cells: Where animated by the Vital Heat, and nourisht by preying on the Membrane, in which they are included, they may more probably occasion the Epilepsy in Sheep and Goats, (a Distemper (e) Hippocrates observes to be frequently incident to them, (g) De Maries tho he ascribes it to a different cause I than cure it in Sacro. Men.

From hence perhaps we may be allow'd to account for those various Instances given by Medicinal Authors, of Worms ejected at the Nose by Men and Women. (b) Be- (h) De abdition nivenius, (i) Fernelius, (k) Zacutus Lustanus, (l) Ronsseus, Morb.causs.cap. (m) Trincavellius, (n) Hildanus, (o) Baptista Codronchus, (i) De Part.
(p) Tulpius, (q) Verzascha, and (r) others, relate several Morb & Sympt. cases of this kind; all agreeing that they were attended (k) Prax. Med. with extream Pains in the Head, Mania's, Lypothymies, edmir. lib. 1. &c. which immediately ceas'd at their ejection. (1) Mifcell. E.

Po. (m) De ratione curand partie, hum, corp. affett, lib. 9. cap. 11. (n) Observat, cent: 1. obs. 8. pift. Medicinal. (o) Epiff. ad Fulv. Augelinum & Alfarium Cracium : vid. Crucium de Quafitis per Epiff. cent. 3. (p) Observat, med. lib. 4. sap. 11. (9) Observat, med. ols. 6. (1) Tho. Bartholin. Hift. Anatomic. cert. 1. H.ft. 64. Epift. med. centi 2. Epift. 7.4 & 85. Ephem. German. Ann. 2. obf. 147. Ann. 4.

It must be granted, (s) Æginesa, (t) Gabucinus, (u) Fo-(i) De re medinestus, (w) Borellus, and particularly (x) Fulvius Angeli-lib. 4 cap. 5nus, who wrote an entire Discourse De Verme admirando brie cap. 8. per Nares egresso, very rationally conclude, the Worms (4) Observet. whey treated of came from the Stomach, or Lungs, they 21. obj. 28. not being attended with those Symptoms, nor affecting (w) Hist. & the Head; as in the cases related by the Authors we have observat memention'd; particularly in that remarkable Instance of 70. (y) Hollerius of a Worm evacuated at the Nofe nulla tuff; (x) Apud Al-nulla numitu autoredoute. Which has the acute bein it and for Crucium de. nullo vomitu antecedente: Which by the acute pain it pro- Quafit. per Educed, plainly discover'd where it lay conceal'd.

Whether Worms may generate in the Brain or its Tegu (1) De Morb. ments, I shall not determine: Tis sufficient (supposing it of 54. in possible schol

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possible) that there is no passage for them thence to the Nose: where they are often found, as we are affur'd by many credible Writers. Angelinus and Alfarius à Cruce place them prope nase colatoria in strictura narium; both seeming to imply that Sinus more exactly describ'd by (z) Avicenna: Which is to be understood of humane Heads, not those of Brutes, but only as apoly'd by foubertus.

(z) Loc. Supra SISAS.

> What terrible Symptoms, as Cephalaa's, Deliriums, Epilepsies, Syncopes, Convulsions, &c. a Worm, with such tharp and piercing Weapons may raife, by continually preying and sporting on a Part so exquisitely sensible, and nearly situate to the Origin of Sensation, as the Membrane, that invests the cavity of this Sinus, may be more eafily imagin'd than explain'd.

Oxon. July 21, 1704.

V. An Account of very large Stones voided per Urethram. In a Letter from Mr Edw. Lhwyd, Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, to Dr Hans Sloane, S.R.S.

Oxford, Sept. 22, 1704.

Make bold to trouble you with a Copy of a Paper I receiv'd from Dr Bullen, a Physician in Cheshire, together with a figure of the Stones he mentions. much of the same size and shape; and being joyn'd together, the circumference one way is above three inches and a half, and the other three and a quarter, (See Fig. 10.) The person that voided them, took an excessive quantity of Honey during his pain; to which alone he attributes his Deliverance; how probably you can best judge.

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